${\mathcal P}^{\text{below about 1 second are preferred, as are pulse repetition periods in the range 1 millisecond to 1 second. Duty ratios T/ <math>\tau \ge$  about 5, and preferably  $\ge$  about 8, are preferred.--

## IN THE CLAIMS

- 9. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein pulse duration  $\tau = 7$  from about 0.01 to 2.0 milliseconds.
- 10. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein pulse duration  $\tau =$  from about 0.02 to 1.1 milliseconds.
- 11. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein pulse duration  $\tau =$  from about 0.1 to 0.3 milliseconds.

## Cancel claim 17 without prejudice.

- 35. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the transducer is operated at a duty ratio of  $\geq$  about 5.
- 36. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 35, wherein the transducer is operated at a duty ratio of > about 8.